Building a Brighter Community

Learning objective: To understand the importance of community, individual contributions, and collective responsibility.

Read the text carefully and answer the questions below using full sentences. Ensure you look back at the passage to support your ideas.

In the bustling town of Oakhaven, the residents believe that a community is more than just a place to live; it is a team effort. Leo the lion, a gentle leader, often gathers the neighbours to discuss how they can help one another. Last week, the community decided to renovate the local park. Some neighbours brought gardening tools, while others donated £50 to purchase new wildflower seeds and paint for the benches. Even the younger members of the community helped by creating colourful signs to encourage people to keep the area tidy. By working together, they transformed a neglected patch of grass into a vibrant space for everyone to enjoy. This project showed that when people share their skills and time, they create a stronger, happier environment. Whether it is helping a neighbour carry their shopping or organising a charity bake sale, every small action counts. In Oakhaven, everyone understands that they are responsible for looking after their home and the people who live within it, ensuring the town remains a welcoming place for all.

Word bank: community · contribution · responsibility · collaboration · diverse · supportive

1. Identify two specific ways the residents of Oakhaven contributed to the park renovation project. (2 marks)

2. How much money was donated by the residents to help with the park's supplies? (1 mark)

3. Why does the author suggest that the park project was a 'team effort'? (2 marks)

4. What does the phrase 'every small action counts' imply about how we should treat our own communities? (2 marks)

5. Do you think it is important for children to be involved in community projects? Explain your reasoning using examples from the text. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a community project you would like to start in your local area. Include yourself and a friend working together to make your neighbourhood a better place.

Extension challenge: Research a real-life community project in your local town or city. Write a short paragraph explaining what the project aimed to do and who benefited from it.